GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3159
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2002
ISSUE PRICE OF WHEAT SUPPLIED TO FLOUR MILLS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether issue price to wheat flour mills in the Western Zone are much higher than the issue price in the Northern Zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons thereto;

(c) whether higher issue price has led to higher price for wheat based products;

(d) whether the Government of Gujarat have requested the Union Government to reduce issue price of wheat to flour mills;

(e) if so, whether the Union Government have agreed to the request; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The Zone-wise price of wheat under the Open Market Sale Scheme are as follows:

Zone	Rate per qtl.
North	Rs.650/-+
South	Rs.720/-
West	Rs.695/-
East-North East	Rs.705/-

+ rates applicable to the States of M.P. Chattisgarh.
+ also made applicable to Bihar and Jharkhand from 5.12.2001

These rates were fixed on the basis of the economic cost of wheat in each zone, which takes into account relevant factors like carrying costs, tax components and transportation charges etc.

(d),(e)&(f): A request was received from the Gujarat Roller Mills Association in November, 2001 for release of OMSSD(D) wheat at the North Zone rate. In the meanwhile, the High LevelCommittee took a decision to fix these rates Statewise, and for the months of February and March, 2002, the OMSS(D) rates have been fixed State-wise after taking into account theacquisition costs and the average freight to the States. The State wise rates are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d),(e)&(f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3159 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22 03-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Rate per qtl. (in Rs.)

S.No.	Name of State/U.T.	Lustre lost wheat 2001-02	Sound wheat
	North Zone		

1. Delhi	615	655
2. Chandigarh	615	655
3. Punjab	615	655
4. Haryana	615	655
5. Uttar Pradesh	625	665
6. Uttaranchal	625	665
7 Rajasthan	625	665
8. Himachal Pradesh	620	660
9. Jammu & Kashmir	630	670

South Zone

10. Tamil Nadu	685	725
11. Pondicherry	685	725
12. Kerala	685	725
13. Andhra Pradesh	680	720
14. A&N Islands	690	730
15. Lakshadweep	690	730
16. Karnataka	680	720

East Zone

17. Bihar	640	680
18. West Bengal	660	700
19. Sikkim	665	705
20. Orissa	665	705
21. Jharkhand	650	690

North East Zone

22. Assam & Other NE States	675	715

West Zone

23. Maharashtra	655	695
24. Goa	660	700
25. Madhya Pradesh	630	670
26. Chattisgarh	650	690
27. Gujarat	650	690
28. Daman & Diu	650	690
29. Dadar & Nagar Haveli	650	690